Shifting the headquarters of western railway from Mumbai to Ahmedabad

896. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has once again represented to his Ministry in February, 2008 regarding shifting the headquarters of Western Railway from Mumbai to Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, the decision taken by his Ministry on the representation of the Government of Gujarat;

(c) the reason for prolonged delay in shifting the Western Railway Headquarters from Mumbai to Ahmedabad; and

(d) by when it would be materialized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (d) The location of a Zonal Railway Headquarters is decided on the basis of operational and administrative requirements without any regional considerations. Moreover, the shifting of a well established office shall also involve transfer of a large number of staff resulting in dislocation of their family set-up and other allied problems. The Western Railway headquarters at Mumbai is working satisfactorily. Any change in the present arrangement is not contemplated.

All the earlier representations received in this regard have been replied accordingly.

Rail accidents

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SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of fire and derailment of trains taken place in the country during last year;

(b) the causes of each incident and the loss of life and property in it; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check the recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 11 cases of fire and 92 cases of derailment of trains taken place in the country during the last year.

(b) Details are attached as Statement (*See* below).

(c) Following steps are taken to check the recurrence of such incidents in future:-

1. Staff responsible for operation of train are being trained and counselled for safe running of Trains.
2. Intensive training/counselling/refresher courses and periodical medical examination of safety category staff are conducted regularly to ensure their competency and suitability for the job.
3. Safety seminars are organized to inculcate safety consciousness among the train running staff.
4. Priority given to Rail renewal in fracture prone areas and also rail stretches.
5. Importance given to high quality of track.
6. Regular inspection of track condition is being done.
7. Media publicity and announcement through Public Address system at stations for prevention of accidents at unmanned level crossing, fire/explosion in trains.
8. Regular check by the RPF personnel to ensure that inflammable items are not carried in the train. Action is taken against erring travelers under provision of the Railways Act.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

(b) Details of causes of each incident and the loss of life and property are as under:-

Sl.No.	Rly.	Date	Brief particulars of fire and derailment	Loss of life	Cause	Cost of Damage/ loss of property
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
01	CR	13.05.07	Derailment of engine of 6506 UP SBC-GIM Express between Wathar and Adarki stations of Pune division.	-	Due to obstruction on track by kota stone at 6 degree sharp curve.	Rs. 500.00
02	CR	03.06.07	Derailment of 20 wagons of TR/BOXN/E goods train between Achegaon and Bodwad stations of Bhusawal Division.	-	Falling of brake assembly of wagon on track causing obstruction.	Rs. 3,65,000.00
03	CR	25.08.07	Derailment of TR/OTE goods train between Kasara and Kalyan stations of Mumbai division.	-	Track defect.	Rs. 50,000.00
04	CR	18.10.07	Derailment of EMU train No. L-4 Pune-Lonavla local between Malavli-Lonavla stations of Pune Division.	-	Cattle runover	Rs. 20,000.00
05	CR	23.12.07	Derailment of TL-17 suburban local train between Kurla and Vidyavihar stations of Mumbai division.	1	Due to malfunctioning of point machine	Rs. 79,67,500.00
06	ER	03.04.07	Derailment of SLR coach No. SE.918717 of 4066 Down Brahmaputra Mail at Sahibganj Stations of Malda Divisions at 00.35 hours.	-	Passing signal at danger.	Rs. 2,00,600.00
07	ECR	-	Fire accident - one case	Nil	Due to shot circuits.	Rs. 80,000.00

08	ECR	-	Derailment - One case	08	Due to heavy heat	Rs. 1,08,00,000.00
09	ECOR	08.05.07	Derailment of goods 432/16-15 in between Bhansi-Bacheli	-	Due to removal of rails and fish plates from the running track by the suspected Maoist groups	Rs. 12,13,654.00
10	ECOR	11.06.07	Derailment of train No. 2659 Gurudev Express at Kilometer No. 763/34-763/8 in between Duvada-Gopalpatnam.	03	Due to failure of equipment of Permanent Way	Rs. 2,02,00,000.00
11	ECOR	08.08.07	Derailment of Train No. 8452 Tapaswini Express at Kilometer No. 11/4-8 in between Sambalpur Road- Rairkhol section.	-	Due to rail fracture.	Rs. 1,40,39,371.00
12	ECOR	01.12.07	Derailment of Goods Train No. KND/1/27 at Kilometer No. 411/21-23 in between Kamluru-Dantewara section.	-	Due to removal of rail from the running track by CPI (Maoist).	Rs. 8,87,644.00
13	NR	Jan-Sept-2008	Fire accident - one case	Nil	Due to electrical problem.	Rs. 1,20,00,000.00
14	NR	2007	10 Derailment cases in 2007			
15	NCR	18.10.07	Fire incident in SLR No. 06717 NEG SLR D of 2506 down Shivganga Express	Nil	Electric short circuit	Rs. 635,000.00
16	NCR	07.08.07	Derailment of 2308 down by 03 bogies	Nil	Over speeding and sudden application of brake by loco pilot	Rs.36,25,000.00
17	NCR	28.09.07	Derailment of EMU coach of AD4 No. 20041 NRMV 241	Nil	Truss Bar hunder	Rs. 1,20,000.00

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18	NCR	09.06.07	Derailment of 2 passenger coaches of train No. 1108 down.	Nil	Heavy bundle of cloth fell in between railway track and wheel.	Rs. 7,500.00
19	NER	03.02.08	Fire incident in Train at Varanasi Broad Gauge Division	-	Sarkanda Grass was loaded by unknown person which caught fire	Rs. 7,50,000.00
20	NER	05.08.07	Derailment of train in Lucknow Meter Gauge	Nil	Excess of Gauge	Rs. 5,000.00
21	NER	16.09.07	Derailment of train at Varanasi Broad Gauge	Nil	Continuity test at Bhatni and Break power first block section not perform by Driver and Guard	Rs. 19,08,201.00
22	NER	17.12.07	Derailment of train at Varanasi Broad Gauge.	Nil	Failure side breaker pad	Rs.24,80,000.00
23	NER	26.12.07	Derailment of train at Izzatnagar Meter Gauge	Nil	Jumping of loco wheel due to obstruction placed by outsider on the track	Rs. 73,220.00
24	NER	05.01.08	Derailment of train at Varanasi Broad Gauge	Nil	Cattle run over	Rs. 15,00,000.00
25	NER	12.02.08	Derailment of train at Varanasi Broad Gauge	Nil	Rail fractures	Rs. 25,000.00
26	NFR	05.05.07	Derailment of Train No. UP NBQ RMC Goods between New Baneswar - New Alipurduar stations.	01	Due to Meter guage trolleys being not secured and lashed properly against lateral movement during run of the train.	Rs. 7,95,553.00

27	NFR	08.05.07	Derailment of Train No. 5694 UP B.V. Express between lower Halflong-Lumding section	Nil	Due to sudden collapse of retaining wall constructed by Construction organization	Rs.8,000.00
28	NFR	25.6.07	Derailment of train No. DN/FCA-BHIM between Lumding - Lower Halflong	Nil	Due to slipping of 30 m under slung girder between piers P-3 and P-4	Rs. 1,12,39,893.00
29	NFR	01.09.07	Derailment of train No. UP KNE-SALT between Khurilal - Azamnagar Road	Nil	Due to localized corrosion and fatigue of the rail which led to rail failure	Rs.79,54,550.00
30	NFR	19.09.07	Derailment of engine train No. DN NTSK-COAL 3	Nil	Due to lorries being put on the track without permission by the PWM/Margherita	Rs. 6,50,020.00
31	NFR	13.10.07	Derailment of train No. DN/ JNK-COAL between Gossaigaon- Hat -Srirampur stations	Nil	Maintenance of wagon at POH Workshop	Rs. 41,86,535.00
32	NFR	07.12.07	Derailment of train No. DN-TDLE-COAL	Nil	Tampering of SEJ point	Rs. 80,58,000.00
33	NFR	09.12.07	Derailment of train No. 4055 DN Brahma-putra Mail at New Jalpaiguri- Barsoi section.	1	Failure of left hand rail at welding location	Rs. 1,18,67,049.00
34	NFR	16.01.08	Derailment of train No. 5933 DN Amritsar Express near New Jalpaiguri-Barsoi section	Nil	Due to shifting of rail caused by rail fracture	Rs. 5,12,253.00
35	NFR	15.02.08	Derailment of train No. UP-NBQ-Foodgrain	Nil	Track which was going through repairs could not bear high speed restriction	Rs. 21,99,930.00

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36	NFR	03.03.08	Derailment of train No. DN-CDG-COAL at Srirampur- Jorai sections	Nil	Rail fracture	Rs. 10,90,676.00
37	NWR	16.04.07	Derailment of Engine No. 6694 of Train No. 483 Passenger at Kilometer No. 62/9 between Khanbli Ghat - Charbhuja Road stations.	-	Defect in track parameters and locomotive	Nil/-
38	NWR	10.09.07	Derailment of Engine No. 14851 of Train No. 470 at Kilometer No. 80/9 between Diyatyra-Nokhra stations.	-	Failure of weld	Rs. 17,750.00
39	NWR	15.09.07	Derailment of SR BWTE 39557 of Train No. 2 HS passenger at Kilometer No. 55/11 between Suratpura-Jhunpa stations.	-	Track defect.	Rs. 1,90,650.00
40	NWR	13.10.07	Derailment of 15 BOXN E of Train No. E BOXN at Kilometer No. 179/14-181/6 between Rajiasar-Arjamsar stations.	-	Cause could not be established.	Rs. 33,12,570.00
41	NWR	11.11.07	Derailment of Engine No. 6556 of Train No. 3 RS passenger at Kilometer No. 326/10-327/2 between Ratangarh-Ratangarh West stations.	-	Obstruction on track	Rs. 2,860.00
42	NWR	13.12.07	Derailment of all coaches of train No. 2958 Rajdhani Express at Kilometer No. 559/6 between Sirohi Road - Banas stations	-	Rail Track defect	Rs. 12,50,000.00
43	NWR	03.01.08	Derailment of 18 BCNE of train No.I/MD/E/BCN while crossing point No. 108 at Chandaval station.	-	Due to Disconnection of stretcher bars without permission.	Rs. 22,85,000.00

44	SR	-	Fire incident occurred at Tamarai Padi station (Dindigul - Trichy section of Madurai Division)	Nil	Loading of electric cells containing liquid acids along with parcels and luggage susceptible to catch fire without following railway rules.	Rs. 13,20,000.00
45	SR	-	Derailment of EMU due to non clamping and pad locking of points before issue of memo by station master/Kadambathur during special disconnection	Nil	Failure of Staff.	
46	SR	-	Derailment of Express Train due to sudden earth slip from the cutting and engine running over the mound of earth.	Nil	Natural Calamity.	Rs.3.46 crores of four derailment cases.
47	SR	-	Derailment of MEMU due to hitting of a herd of elephants crossing and walking along the tracks at a cutting.	Nil	Freak accident.	
48	SR	-	Derailment of Passenger Train.	Nil	Cause is awaited.	
49	SCR	27.05.07	Derailment of loco and three coaches of 497 passenger at Mordar-Gurhi	Nil	Tempering with track fittings. (Removal of fish plates) by person unknown.	Rs.5,27,420.00
50	SCR	04.06.07	Derailment of 5 BOXN wagons of P 11 goods train at Ammuguda - Moula Ali	Nil	Combination of track excess variation in versions / wagon axle box defects and variation in wheel gauge	Rs. 23,44,990.00
51	SCR	28.06.07	Derailment of 13 BCN wagons of goods train near Kalluru	Nil	Combination of absence of advise of the classification of train to guard and loco pilot / excess loading of wagons.	Rs. 43,55,593.00

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52	SCR	01.08.07	Derailment of SLR of 5228 Express at Appikatla.	Nil	Excessive dumping of ballast between the rails	Nil
53	SCR	17.12.07	Derailment of loaded parcel van of 6043 Express at PALLEVADA-AKKIVIDU section	Nil	Running over cattle.	Nil
54	SER	22.08.07	Fire Incident of Loco Engine of goods train N/KKC at Rajkharswan Railway Station.	Nil	Bursting of transformer of affected engine.	Rs. 9,96,500.00
55	SER	12.11.07	Fire incident of motor coach of empty rank No. SM-24 at Mechada Yard.	Nil	Cause could not be ascertained.	Rs.15,00,000.00
56	SER	03.01.07	Derailment of train No. MBCN(L)/MOZ at RSKN Yard.	Nil	Negligence of driver	Rs.7,62,000.00
57	SER	15.03.07	Derailment of train No. N/LPG at Jharsuguda Yard.	Nil	Uneven loading	Rs. 2,52,500.00
58	SER	07.04.07	Derailment of train No. E/NBOX at Dongoaposi Yard.	Nil	Overshooting of shunt signal.	Rs. 6,30,000.00
59	SER	14.05.07	Derailment of train No. ME/NBOX(E)/JRLI at DJHR Yard.	Nil	Misalignment of track.	Rs. 1,10,000.00
60	SER	17.10.08	Derailment of train No. BCX/PCP in between NIM-BRMD.	Nil	Hot Axle.	Rs. 9,90,000.00
61	SER	30.10.07	Derailment of train No. N/Singhania/Haldia at NOMD-PDPH	Nil	Mounting of wheel on the broken CBC Shank.	Rs.10,000.00
62	SER	28.11.07	Derailment of train No. N/BOBS(L)/JPH at CNI Yard.	Nil	Due to one sided (RHS) load in wagon NO. SE-111519 due to unloading (LHS) by the miscreant.	Rs.11,80,276.00
63	SER	02.12.07	Derailment of train No. MD/NBOBR/BAF-2 in between JKDA-PDPH.	Nil	Track jammed by iron ore due to automatic opening of doors of wagon on run.	Rs. 45,20,082.00

64	SER	08.12.07	Derailment of train No. D/TK/BJE at MHQ Yard.	Nil	Breakage of shackle pin.	Rs. 6,500.00
65	SWR	18.09.07	Derailment of Train No. PSJT-64 goods at CRZ station.	Nil	Embedded empty in the formation of loaded wagons	Rs. 12,56,879.00
66	SWR	23.09.07	Derailment of train No. PNKI Goods at Kilometer No. 38/600-700 at Hubli Division.	Nil	Poor engineman-ship	Rs. 43,565.00
67	SWR	29.09.07	Derailment of 03 wagons of train No. ER-450 (BG-10) between GNR-BYO at Kilometer 165/07 at Hubli Division	Nil	Weld failure of safety bracket holding the auxiliary reservoir of wagon.	Rs. 76,391.00
68	SWR	19.10.07	Derailment of train No. RNJP-SWV Special goods at DDS station of Hubli Division	Nil	Plying of embedded empties in the formation	Rs. 2,51,005.00
69	SWR	24.11.07	Derailment of train No. SP-25 goods at YDK station of Mysore division.	Nil	Chipped of tongue rail	Rs.40,000.00
70	SWR	04.12.07	Derailment of 4 BOXN wagons of train No. KGW-TGT goods at KG W station of Hubli division.	Nil	Premature operation of point by points man and bad maintenance.	Rs. 3,25,000.00
71	SECR	26.04.07	Derailment of Engine No. 03877/A of Train No. 371 MUMU at Itwari East end at Kilometer No. 1126/7-9	Nil	Sudden increase of super elevation at location and tongue rail which is very thin not able to sustain the pressure.	Nil
72	SECR	26.04.07	Derailment of Engine of Train No. 375 UP Passenger at Itwari East end at Kilometer No. 1126/5-9	Nil	Sudden increase of super elevation at location and tongue rail which is very thin not able to sustain the pressure.	Nil

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73	SECR	21.08.07	Derailment of Train No. BCN/GVG at Kilometer No. 878/27-29 in mid section between Rasmara-Murihipar infringing down lines.	Nil	Multiple Rail fracture	Rs. 20,50,000.00
74	SECR	24.11.07	Derailment of 3 RO UP passenger train at Kilometer No. 830/6-8 near level crossing gate.	Nil	Negligent driving & working of JCB machine by the side of track without proper intimation to Railway.	Rs. 23, 29,743/-
75	SECR	07.01.08	Derailment of train No. BCN/NGC while approaching Bortolao station near down home signal at Kilometer No. 944/3-4	Nil	Hot breakage journal of right side leading trolley wheel.	Rs. 1,93,90,000.00
76	SECR	16.01.08	Derailment of three pair of wheels of side leading trolley of Train No. UP 3RN passenger while on run at Kilometer No. 1114/1 Engine No. 17206	Nil	Obstruction created by unknown person on railway track by placing a piece of rail kept for work near the track.	Rs. 20,000.00
77	WR	18.06.07	Fire in first class coach of 109 down (Virar-Bharuch shuttle) at Bharuch Yard.	Nil	Not ascertained.	Rs. 7,65,000.00
78	WR	24.09.07	Fire in Avadh Express in 5 coaches between Lakodara & Palej Stations.	Nil	Shorting by saving blade at the terminal of FL-2 in South West toilet of the coach	Rs. 26,49,700.00
79	WR	14.11.07	Fire in SLR No. WR 067208 of train No. 9270 down at Porbander station	Nil	Not ascertained	Rs. 47,000.00
80	WR	05.01.07	Derailment of Goods train No. GIM-SHM and R/JKV at CPN Staion.	Nil	Due to negligence of railway staff (Signal department)	Rs. 4,51,90,000.00

81	WR	05.04.07	Derailment of Power Car No. 160021 of DMU-537 on plat form No. 1 of Unja station.	Nil	Due to trap point in open condition.	Nil
82	WR	20.05.07	Derailment of one coach of train No. 427 UP (Khedbrhama-Ahmedabad Passenger) between Khedbrhama & Himatnagar section.	Nil	Combination of the cross level differences.	Nil
83	WR	10.06.07	Accident - dashing of Auto rickshaw and train No. 526 DMU at unmanned level crossing gate No. 34.	04	Due to negligence of Auto rickshaw driver.	Nil
84	WR	03.09.07	Derailment of 15 wagons of down LHM goods including 13 capsized.	Nil	Overloading of clinker in wagons and excess speed limit of enhance axle load.	Rs. 23,00,000.00
85	WR	06.09.07	Derailment of coach No. 80851 ACCW marshaled 4th. from the train engine of train No. 9032 UP at Chirai station.	Nil	Due to sinkage of released rail.	Rs. 1,20,000.00
86	WR	05.10.07	Derailment of 06 BLCBL wagons marshalled 5th to 10th from train engine of down goods train at point No. 106/108 between KRSA-Godhra section.	Nil	Due to the cross over 107/108 point was not as per standard requirement and the defect in wagon.	Nil
87	WR	22.11.07	Derailment of two coaches of train No. 2943 down Marshalled 1st. and 10th from engine between TKHE-DXG section.	Nil	Due to multiple rail fracture	Nil
88	WCR	06.07.07	Derailment of train No. N/KTT KTT/NAD/BWM-KRLS	Nil	Failure of Railway staff-One shackle pin and packing piece of axle box fell down on wagon No. WR 85736	Rs. 4,07,000.00
89	WCR	12.07.07	Derailment of train No. 296 (NHM-KTT)	Nil	Failure of railway staff-premature operation of point by lever man	Nil
90	WCR	24.10.07	Derailment of train No. 4309	Nil	Rail Fracture	Rs. 34,60,000.00